

LMCP Care Ltd. (formerly known as Longsight/Moss Side Community Project.

I have known and worked with this organisation for more than 30 years in various roles within Manchester City Council. They advised on the initial Community Care Plans, were instrumental in the setting up of the Black Community Care Consultative Forum (BCCCCF), and have provided information, advice and support in my latter role as Lead Commissioner for Older People's Services in the Directorate for Adults. They sat on the Grants Panel for the Partnership for Older People (POPP) programme, and played a valuable and extensive role when meals services for black and minority ethnic (BME) elders were re-commissioned in 2007.

Over the years LMCP Care Ltd. have played a major role in helping Manchester City Council social care improve their services to people from black and minority communities: by speaking out, advocating for service users, and providing information and training. In their role supervising social work students they offer hundreds of hours of specialist, supervised interventions. They have continued to play an active role in consultative forums such as the Black and Minority Ethnic Strategic Forum (formerly BCCCCF) and the Race and Health Forum, and often take a lead in co-ordinating and shaping the 'voice' of BME adults on social and health care issues. They provide an invaluable resource to many research projects.

LMCP Care Ltd. started the first carers' support group in the city in 1991, and the Asian Carers' Group remains a much valued resource both for informal carers and for care staff. This work, and their project with Asian women with mental health issues, are just some examples of the innovative and pioneering work the organisation has achieved with limited resources.

I have been involved in monitoring the activities for some of their funding and have always found them to be helpful, professional and considered. They play a vital role in the care fabric of the city and I hope they continue to be valued and supported, as I believe that they not only provide a unique combination of services, but also excellent value for money.

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